



## **U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES** **COMMAND (AIRBORNE)** ***FACT SHEET***

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In the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), or USASFC, became one of the U.S. military's most committed forces, spearheading coalition efforts to topple the Taliban in Afghanistan. Since that successful start to the Global War on Terrorism, Special Forces Soldiers have been key players in both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, firmly establishing their role as a combat multiplier by accomplishing high-risk missions that are beyond the scope and capabilities of conventional forces.



The mission of USASFC is to train, validate and prepare Special Forces units to deploy and execute mission requirements of U.S. combatant commanders in each operational theater.

Every day, USASFC Soldiers remain deployed around the world in support of GWOT, living up to their motto: "De Oppresso Liber" — To Free the Oppressed.

### **U.S. Army Special Forces Groups:**

#### **1st Special Forces Group (Airborne)**

Fort Lewis, Wash.  
One battalion in Okinawa, Japan

#### **3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne)**

Fort Bragg, N.C.

#### **5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)**

Fort Campbell, Ky.

#### **7th Special Forces Group (Airborne)**

Fort Bragg, N.C.

#### **10th Special Forces Group (Airborne)**

Fort Carson, Colo.  
One battalion in Stuttgart, Germany

#### **19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)**

Draper, Utah

#### **20th Special Forces Group (Airborne)**

Birmingham, Ala.

USASFC consists of its command headquarters element, five active-duty Special Forces groups and two Army National Guard Special Forces groups. Each group has three battalions, a group support company and a headquarters company. Those companies each have six Operational Detachments-A, better known as ODAs or A-Teams, assigned to them. The 12-man ODA is the heart and soul of the Special Forces organization.

Special Forces units perform five doctrinal missions: foreign internal defense, unconventional warfare, special reconnaissance, direct action and counter-terrorism. Special Forces Soldiers employ these missions throughout the operational continuum, during peacetime, conflict and war.

Often, SF units are required to perform additional, or collateral, activities outside of their primary missions, including: coalition warfare support, combat search and rescue, security assistance, peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance, counter-mine and counter-drug operations.